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Attorney General's Office Announces Seminars to Help Consumers Guard Against Identity Theft

Wilmington – Attorney General Beau Biden announced that his office is joining state, federal, and local consumer protection agencies and consumer advocacy organizations in supporting the 14th annual National Consumer Protection Week (March 4 – 10), which encourages consumers to take full advantage of their consumer rights and to make well-informed decisions. In Delaware, Biden's office marks National Consumer Protection Week by kicking off a month-long series of informational seminars on Identity Theft awareness. These events, which will also review other schemes that target residents of the First State, will help Delawareans learn how to protect themselves by recognizing common scams and safeguarding their financial information.

"Identity Theft is a devastating crime that can cost victims thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours to correct," Attorney General Biden said. "Consumers can help avoid becoming victims by protecting their personal information, closely monitoring their bank and credit card accounts, and limiting the information they share online. We're hosting identity theft seminars statewide this month to arm Delawareans with tools they can use to protect themselves and to share information about the resources available to them if they've been targeted by a scam or identity theft."

This month's seminars, which begin tomorrow, will be held at the following times and locations:

- **Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Delaware Tech Stanton Campus**, 400 Stanton-Christiana Road, Newark, Room A-112
- **Wednesday March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Delaware Tech Terry Campus in Dover**, Corporate Training Center, 100 Campus Drive, Room 400-A
- **Wednesday March 21 at 6 p.m. Delaware Tech Owens Campus in Georgetown**, Route 18, Arts & Science Center

Each seminar will be led by staff from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit and federal law enforcement agencies. Representatives from the Attorney General's office, along with the United States Postal Inspector's Service and the Department of Homeland Security, will be on hand to provide information and discuss specific questions consumers may have.

Biden urged Delaware consumers to report suspected scams or fraudulent solicitations to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit by calling 1-800-220-5424 or sending an e-mail to

consumer.protection@state.de.us. Consumers are also encouraged to visit the Attorney General's website at www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov to view a wide variety of helpful tips and educational information, instructions for filing consumer complaints, as well as "consumer alert" notices that draw attention to specific frauds and scams.

Learn more about National Consumer Protection Week by visiting www.ncpw.gov.

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